

I should like to comment on the NAB's petition 04-160

The recent introduction of traffic and weather information provided by satellite radio has been particularly useful in the crowded and frequently gridlocked New York area. It is also more detailed, current, continuous and relevant than anything available on the public airwaves. On several occasions I have compared the traffic information provided on XM satellite with public radio which not only provides this a 10 minute intervals at best, devotes more than one or two minutes to only a few traffic problems on each broadcast. Minor problem areas which can ultimately lead to bigger problems are usually not covered. With the information provided by satellite radio, traffic problem areas can more easily be avoided and thus relieve congestion, lessen pollution and save gas.

I have chosen to pay for these services and it should not be up to the National Association of Broadcasters to dictate what I am permitted to hear. I respectfully urge the FCC to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 and to support satellite radio's ability to provide the kind of programming that I and a rapidly growing percentage of the population demand and deserve.

Thank you for your consideration.